

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2010

Members Present: W. Ryan, C. Schaefer, D. Keane

Other Council Members Present: Meredith Lindsey

Staff Present: C. Trahan, M. Hart, D. Dagon

Guests: Gerald Paradis, Partner from Blum, Shapiro & Co, and Bruce Baron and Theodore Bartkoski from Certified Ambulance Group

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

1. Minutes from 02/08/10 meeting approved as presented
2. Cherie Trahan introduced Gerald Paradis from Blum, Shapiro & Co who reviewed the FY 2008/09 audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Paradis reported that there were no instances of non-compliance and no material deficiencies. We received an Unqualified Opinion on the audit. This year's report was submitted for the Government Finance Officer's Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program.
3. Dave Dagon, Mansfield Fire Chief introduced Bruce Baron and Theodore Bartkoski from Certified Ambulance Group. Mr. Baron & Mr. Bartkoski gave an overview of the ambulance service billing that we currently participate in and an overview of the rescue billing program. Typically, automobile or homeowner's insurance will pay for the billing. The rate billed is determined by the services needed. There are a number of communities in Connecticut currently participating in the program, among them are Tolland, Willington, Enfield, Eastford, and New London.
4. Matt Hart reviewed the need to look into revenue diversification. This year we are receiving an additional \$400,000 in PILOT funding because we have a Federal Water Shed property. However, this funding is not included in the Governor's proposed 2010/11 budget. Our dependence on State revenues leaves us vulnerable to unplanned fluctuations. We will ask for an update from Denise Merrill.
5. Future agenda items will include a review of the rescue fee issue. We should also look into whether there are any other third party billing agencies and what percentage they receive for their services.
6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Motions:

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Motion was made to accept the February 8, 2010 minutes by Carl Schaefer. Seconded by Denise Keane. All in favor, motion so passed.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cherie Trahan  
Director of Finance